

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
South Fulton Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road
Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 5:00PM



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:00pm.
Following the roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was present.

- Discussion Items
 - i. Fiscal Impact Statement (FIS) Process – Odie Donald II, City Manager

Following a presentation by Mr. Donald, the City Council held a discussion regarding the current Fiscal Year and Fiscal Year 2019

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cost of proposed legislation and how it relates to an increase or decrease in revenues for the City of South Fulton. Mr. Donald offered a 4-step process for the implementation of the Fiscal Impact Statement (FIS). PowerPoint Presentation is on file with the Clerk's Office.

- ii. COSF Fellowship Internship Program – Anquilla Henderson, Interim Director of Human Resources**

Ms. Henderson outlined the City Internship Program (CIP) and the current City Departments being considered for the Program. She indicated that a Pilot Program with the Municipal Court will begin in June 2018, and that model will be used to develop the permanent CIP at the time of its inception. PowerPoint Presentation is on file with the Clerk's Office.

- iii. COSF Comprehensive Plan – Shayla Reed, Interim Director of Community Development Services**

The COSF Comprehensive Plan was outlined by Ms. Reed with some insight into the City's long-term goals for zoning and land use. The Plan was discussed at length by Councilmembers and specific areas were mentioned as target goals for improvements/overlays. Ms. Reed indicated she would e-mail a copy of the Plan to the Mayor and Councilmembers for their review and for any concerns or adjustments they might have. At a later date (June), a Work Session could be designated for a more in-depth discussion/coverage of the Plan. PowerPoint Presentation is on file with the Clerk's Office.

Motion (Recess): khalid
Second: Gilyard

Yea: 7 - Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, Baker
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

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Minutes: The motion passed. The Work Session recessed at 6:45pm.

The Work Session reconvened at 7:03pm, as called to order by Mayor Edwards.

iv. Freeport Exemption – Odie Donald II, City Manager

The City Manager explained the full description and impact of the Freeport Exemption from the State of Georgia and how it effects/relates to the City of South Fulton (COSF) and the Fulton Industrial Boulevard (FIB) area. He ended the presentation with a recommendation from staff for COSF to introduce legislation that would provide a 100% exemption contingent on a public referendum put on the November ballot. PowerPoint Presentation is on file with the Clerk's Office.

- ~~Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary~~
- Adjournment

Motion (Adjourn): Baker
Second: Willis

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Yea: 7 - Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, Baker
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes: The motion passed.

The Work Session ended at 7:17pm.


Mark Massey, City Clerk



DIVIDER SHEET

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The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:18pm. Following the roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was present.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren T. Henry.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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4. Approval of the Consent Agenda **[APPROVED]**
- a. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 24, 2018 (Work Session & Regular Meeting)
 - b. Proclamation – Solid Rock Pentecostal Church (Alonzo Terry) Day, April 29, 2018. **(Edwards and Willis)**
 - c. Proclamation – Chad Seville Shaw Appreciation Day, May 5, 2018. **(Edwards)**

Motion (Approve): Jackson
Second: Gumbs

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Yea: 7 - Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, Baker
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes: The motion passed.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda **[APPROVED AS AMENDED]**

Motion (Approve as amended): Gumbs
Second: Gilyard

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Yea: 7 - Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, Baker
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes: The motion passed. Co-sponsors were added to Ord2018-025 (Rowell and Willis).

6. Proclamations and Recognitions

- a. Proclamation recognizing the Cedar Grove Community Appreciation Day. **(Gilyard) [PRESENTED]**

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- b. Proclamation recognizing Victoria Ariel McQueen Appreciation Day. **(Gumbs) [PRESENTED]**

7. Public Comment

- a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

Minutes: The following thirteen (13) citizens offered public comment:

- **State Representative Derrick Jackson (Represents District 64)** received opposition from a lot of constituents for the 90-day Moratorium on Ethics (Res2018-027). Councilmembers need to be more transparent.
- **State Senator Donzella James (District 3)** reported on HB 869 & HB 870. Both House Bills passed, however; one (HB 870) will be vetoed. Offered to help get House Bills passed, possibly through establishing a Committee.
- **Ms. Linda Prichett (District 7)** she attended a Saturday afternoon Ethics discussion held by Councilmember Willis. She was told by Councilmember Willis that her opinion did not matter. She is appalled and disappointed.
- **Ms. Janice R. Walston (District 4)** has 2 questions: 1) Ethics Ordinance was passed so what is the rationale for a review at this time; and 2) Why are the citizens not allowed to express their concerns for a 90-day period. I should have that right.
- **Dr. John O. Herring (District 3)** concerned with the governing body to change the ethics policy. Requested the resignation of those who cannot conduct yourselves with integrity, respect, the laws and standards of conduct/ethics. Ethics matters.
- **Mr. Jarman Bryant (District 5)** concerned with regard to ethics. We have a City Attorney, we should respect her opinion and support the 90-day moratorium.
- **Mr. A. W. Davis (District 4)** the Super Bowl will be here in February. Maybe we could get an effort together to put our brand forward and leave a positive mark during that time.

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- **Ms. Juliette Rankins (District 4)** welcomed the City Manager and really appreciates his positive attitude. COSF needs to get out of Union City Court House. The CFO might need a collection agency for the City to collect the money out there from businesses.
- **Ms. Glenda Collins (District 5)** after working with each Councilmember during the past year of operation, she is completely happy with all of City Council. She thanked the City Manager for his hard work and dedication. She is in support of the 90-day moratorium.
- **Ms. Wanda Mosley (District 3)** opposes the 90-day moratorium on ethics complaints (review optics) of such a move, there may be hidden reasons by certain individuals. The City should consider setting aside business opportunities for women, minority and veteran owned businesses.
- **Mr. Charles (Storm) Mitchell (District 4)** thanked Councilmember Gilyard for her representation of District 4. The preparation of the Comprehensive Plan was established with citizen input. Would like the City to take the time to continue to involve the Community in decisions.
- **Ms. Sara Henderson (District 7)** represents an outside group (Common Cause) and would like the opportunity to meet with Mayor and Council to provide a service with respect to ethics for the City.
- **Mr. Lonnie Kendrick (District 5)** concerned with the closing of Burdett Recreation Center. Privatization would be a travesty.

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8. Business

a. Resolutions

- i. A Resolution by the City of South Fulton, Georgia, imposing a ninety (90) Day Moratorium on the application of the City Ethics Ordinance and the acceptance of ethics complaints while the City's Ethics Ordinance is under review, to provide for severability, to provide for an effective date and for other lawful purposes. (Gumbs and khalid – Res2018-027) [APPROVED]**

Motion: (Approve) khalid

Second: Jackson

Yea: 7 - Gumbs, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, Baker

Nay: 2 – Rowell, Willis

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes: The motion passed. The City Attorney gave a full presentation as to why she proposed the 90-Day Moratorium on the application of the City's Ethics Ordinance. A review of the Ethics Ordinance was completed paragraph by paragraph, and she found discrepancies. The proposed moratorium Res2018-027 addresses the issues found that need to be further defined and/or changed.

Mayor Edwards requested the City Attorney to prepare a report with citations of authority to state the City Attorney's position regarding how Fulton County's plan of defense applies to the City of South Fulton, with respect to the City Attorney representing the City as an entity rather than individuals.

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- ii. A Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 Final Budget for each fund of the City of South Fulton, Georgia, appropriating the amounts showing in each fund as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available and for other lawful purposes. **(Res2018-028) [APPROVED]**

Motion: (Approve) Rowell
Second: Gumbs

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Yea: 7 – Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, Baker
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes: The motion passed. The City Manager indicated the two positions, Facilities Manager and Program & Performance Administrator, were not included in the original Resolution but were highlighted in Section 1.

b. Ordinances

- i. **[SECOND READING]** An Ordinance to amend Title 1, Chapter 3, Mayor and Council, of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, to ensure consistency between Council voting and the City Charter and for other lawful purposes. **(Ord2018-023) [APPROVED]**

Motion (Approve): Rowell
Second: Gumbs & Gilyard

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Yea: 7 - Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, Baker
Nay: 0
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Minutes: The motion passed.

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- ii. **[FIRST READING]** An Ordinance to amend Title 11, Parks and Recreation, of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, to establish park rules and regulations and for other lawful purposes. **(Rowell and Willis - Ord2018-025)**

Minutes: HEARD. The Councilmembers discussed various aspects of the proposed Ordinance and they offered suggestions to staff.

- iii. **[FIRST READING]** An Ordinance amending the Municipal Court schedule and for other lawful purposes. **(Ord2018-026)**

Minutes: HEARD. The Chief Judge explained the purpose of the Ordinance and indicated that this was the permanent solution for the prior Emergency Ordinance.

- 9. Mayor and City Council Comments (Two minutes each).

City Councilmembers made announcements or statements regarding activities within their respective districts or within the City.

- 10. ~~Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary.~~

- 11. Adjournment

Motion (Adjourn): Jackson

Second: Gilyard

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Yea: 6 - Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson, khalid, Baker

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 1 – Rowell, not present

Minutes: The motion passed.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.


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